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SECRET WARS

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED! ALL THAT REMAINS IS BATTLEWORLD!

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KNOWHERE IS THE SATELLITE MOON OF DOOM'S BATTLEWORLD. LEGEND SAYS THAT DOOM DEFEATED A GIANT CELESTIAL GUARDIAN AND SAVED THE WORLD FROM TOTAL DESTRUCTION. ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE FLOATING HEAD.

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GAMORA LEFT THE BOUNDARIES OF KNOWHERE, A CRIME AGAINST THE LAW OF DOOM. THORSGUARD ANGELA ATTEMPTED TO ARREST HER, BUT WAS THWARTED BY THE GUARDIANS, WHO ESCAPED WITH THEIR COMPATRIOT. THE GUARDIANS LAY LOW AT THE HOME OF THEIR FRIEND MANTIS, BUT WERE FOUND BY THE GANGSTER YOTAT, WHO RECENTLY ESCAPED NOVA CORPS CUSTODY. YOTAT, HOLDING A GRUDGE, BEAT THE GUARDIANS MERCILESSLY AND THEN MURDERED MANTIS.

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KNOWHERE.

CREATURES OF KNOWHERE... YOU SEE THIS?

THIS IS DRAX THE DESTROYER.

THIS IS ONE OF YOUR VIGILANTE GUARDIANS.

AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CROSS YOTAT THE DESTROYER!!!

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS!!!

YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO WAKE THE KIDS FOR THIS ONE.

DON'T...

DON'T, PLEASE.

:TIK:

KNOWHERE IS MINE.

KRAKKA BOOM
GYYAAAGGHH!!!
KRAKKA BOOM
KRAKKA BOOM
YERAAAAGGH!

YOU'RE NOT DEAD.
DISAPPOINTING.
I AM ANGELA OF THE GUARD OF DOOM.
KNOWHERE IS ANYTHING BUT YOURS.
IT BELONGS TO DOOM ALMIGHTY.
WHO IN THE DEADLANDS ARE YOU?
YEAH?
YOU GOT ANYTHING, RRRGH, ELSE? OR CAN I GO BACK TO WHAT I WAS DOING?
HOW ARE YOU NOT DEAD?
BECAUSE I'M, MMMRRR, BETTER THAN YOU?
NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOU DO WHEN YOU HAVE TO FACE ME AND NOT SNEAK UP ON ME LIKE A LITTLE--

NOW!!
HIT HIM AGAIN!!

KRAKOOM
KRAKOOM
KILLL
YOUUUUU!!

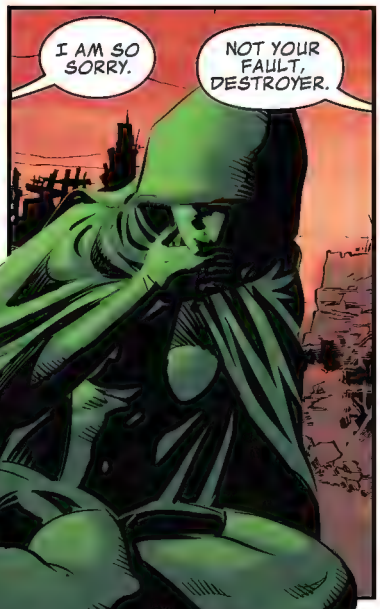
WHAT A PERSISTENT CREATURE. WHAT IS IT?
ANNOYING.
HE FANCIES HIMSELF A LORD OF CRIMINALS.
THAT IS ANNOYING.
IT SEEMS I SAVED YOUR LIFE, DESTROYER.
AGAIN.
AND I AM REMINDED, GREAT ANGELA, THAT WHEN WE BATTLED BEFORE YOU DID NOT RAISE YOUR WEAPON AND BRING YOUR LIGHTNING DOWN ON ME.
I AM THE HAND OF GOD.
I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU.
I WANT YOU TO THRIVE. TO THINK STRAIGHT. TO PROSPER.
TO RESPECT YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S WORLD.
I TRIED TO HIT YOU JUST HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE SOME OF THAT HAPPEN.
ALSO, YOU WERE DRUNK.
WHEN I KILL YOU IN BATTLE I WANT YOU TO BE PRESENT FOR IT.
GO TEND TO YOUR FELLOW GUARDIANS.
I WILL WATCH OVER THIS THING.
ACTUALLY WE REALLY WANT HIM...

VENOM
THE NOVA CORPS CAN TAKE CARE OF THIS FLARKNARD.
RESPECTFULLY.
ADAM WARLOCK
NOVA
CAPTAIN MARVEL
IRON MAN

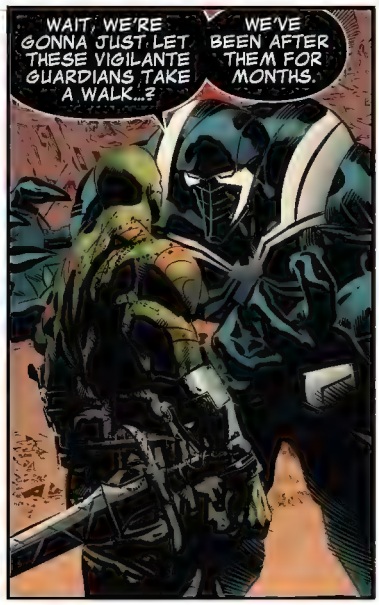
IF YOU HELD ONTO THIS YOTAT THE FIRST TIME WE HANDED HIM TO YOU...
HEY!
WE LOST ONE OF OUR OWN TO THIS "THING."
WARLOCK IS SAYING: WE APPRECIATE THE HELP.

MOONDRAGON.

DIED BY THIS THING'S BLADE.
A WARRIOR'S DEATH.


I AM SO SORRY.
NOT YOUR FAULT, DESTROYER.

WAIT, YOU'RE NOT, LIKE, HIS DAD OR ANYTHING, ARE YOU?
NO.
NO RELATION.
THEN IT'S HARDLY YOUR FAULT.
WELL, GUARDIANS, THIS WAS AWKWARD AND TENSE AS ALWAYS...


WAIT, WE'RE GONNA JUST LET THESE VIGILANTE GUARDIANS TAKE A WALK...?
WE'VE BEEN AFTER THEM FOR MONTHS.

YOUR ANGER IS MISPLACED, SYMBIOTE.

YOU BREAK THE LAW. SO I'D SAY: HARDLY.

WE PROTECT THESE CREATURES.

AND BETTER THAN YOU DO.

YOU RAGE OVER MOONDRAGON.

DON'T YOU EVEN SPEAK HER NAME!

FLASH, COME ON, NOT TODAY...

THE HAND OF DOOM IS RIGHT HERE...

EVERYONE GO YOUR SEPARATE WAYS.

KNOWHERE NOVAS: TAKE YOUR CRIMINAL AND PUNISH HIM TO YOUR SATISFACTION.

I HAVE BUSINESS WITH GAMORA.

WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS?

IF IT WAS ANY OF YOURS YOU WOULD KNOW WHAT KIND.

VENOM. SHE SPOKE.

THAT'S IT.

REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO STARBRAND.

HERE WE GO...

TIK

OKAY, WELL...

THIS WAS FUN.

TOODLE-OO...

ME. YOU. WORDS.

OKAY.

YOUR ACTIONS TODAY ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED, LADY ANGELA, BUT THIS ENDS--

DRAX.

I HAVE THIS.

GO.

I WILL FIND YOU AGAIN.

WHY, GAMORA?

WHY DO YOU LEAVE KNOWHERE WHEN YOU KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES?

I BELIEVE THIS CONVERSATION WILL NOT END WELL.
NOT HAVING THIS CONVERSATION WILL MOST DEFINITELY NOT END WELL.
YOU AND I HAVE DIFFERENT...
...BELIEF SYSTEMS.
CLEARLY.
BUT I AM NOT SURE WHAT YOURS MIGHT BE.
THERE IS WHAT THERE IS...THERE IS NOTHING ELSE.
YOU BELIEVE THAT DOOM IS GOD ALMIGHTY.
BECAUSE... HE IS.
AND YOU DO NOT?

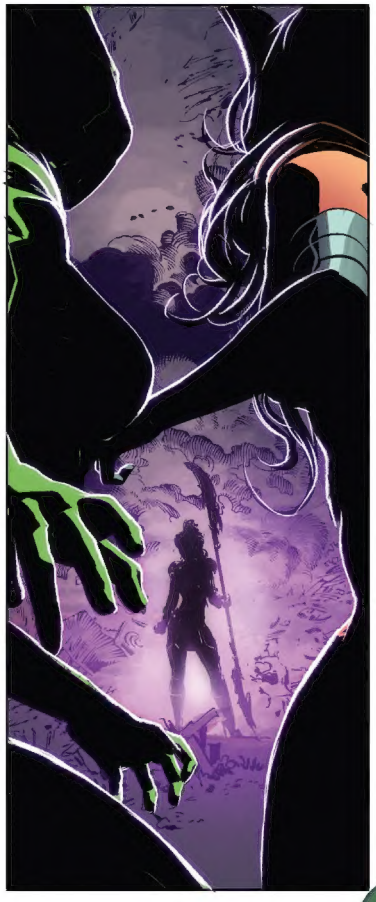
I UNDERSTAND THAT BLASPHEMY IS A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE.
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
THAT BLASPHEMY IS A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE.
WHY AM I CHARMED BY YOU?
EVEN IN THE FACE OF YOUR DEFIANCE OF ALL THAT IS TRUE AND DEAR.
BECAUSE I MAY BE RIGHT.
YOU ARE TESTING ME NOW.
I AM TRYING TO RESPECT YOU.
I COULD LIE TO YOU...BUT LYING IS NOT RESPECT.
HOW CAN YOU LIVE HERE IN THIS MONUMENT TO DOOM'S GREAT POWER, AND THEN QUESTION IT?
I JUST DO.
IT'S MADNESS.
YOU DENY PROOF OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD.
IS IT?
YOU DENY REALITY.
DENYING REALITY IS MADNESS. ALMOST BY DEFINITION.
I THINK MY COSMIC POWER ALLOWS ME THE PERSPECTIVE TO SEE THROUGH IT.
TO SEE THROUGH WHAT?

THIS ILLUSION.
GAMORA...
YOU MUST FACE THE COUNCIL ON DOOMSTADT FOR PUNISHMENT.
I HAVE TO TAKE YOU IN.
I KNOW YOU THINK YOU DO.
I CAN WALK AWAY FROM THIS IF YOU GIVE ME EVEN A SMALL REASON TO.
CONSIDER YOUR WORDS.
SPEAK WISELY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR...
I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T DO THAT.
IF DOOM IS NOT OUR LORD AND YOU ARE NOT LIVING OFF OF HIS GENEROSITY AND POWER, THEN WHAT IS THERE...

I DON'T KNOW.
THEN YOU MUST BE PUNISHED FOR YOUR BLASPHEMY AND MAY DOOM HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOUL!
KRAK
KOOM

BOOM

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU FIGHT!!!
KRAK
SMAASH
THINK FOR YOURSELF!
DECIDE FOR YOURSELF!
FOR WHAT?
YOU OFFERED NOTHING BUT MADNESS!
PROVE YOURSELF.
GGKK!
SHOW ME!
SHOW ME ONE SMALL BIT OF PROOF THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN DRIVEN MAD BY YOUR OWN POWER!



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